

EDITORIAL

THIS special issue on Japanese prehistory has been in preparation since May 1973, first in consultation with Professor Chosuke Serizawa of Tohoku University, with the assistance of Mr. Takeshi Ueki, and later with Dr. William M. Hurley of the University of Toronto. Professor Serizawa arranged for the first four articles of this issue and the book review at the end and was the editor for these papers. Dr. Hurley was the editor of the remaining articles, all of which had originally been presented at a symposium on the prehistory of Japan held at Trent University, Peterborough, Canada, in January 1975. Dr. Morgan Tamplin, in his paper beginning on page 59, presents the history of this symposium. All of the papers have been changed, to varying degrees, since their first presentation. With the assistance of Dr. Hurley we received a grant from the Trent University Academic Endowment Fund to help support the extra large size of this special issue and for this I thank them.

This brings up an unpleasant but not unexpected subject. Like most universities in the United States, the University of Hawaii is having budgetary problems, and as a result we have been requested to cut the number of pages published in each volume of *AP*, starting with this volume. There is no shortage of papers to publish, so rather than consider that there is no other alternative I am back in the business of trying to find additional funds to keep each volume up to the previous size, and if possible to make them ever larger. One way that I am doing this is to request support for plates that go with the articles, except for authors from those countries in Asia, for whom this would present an insurmountable problem. In addition I am asking for subsidies for longer articles if a source for such can be found. Donations in support of bigger and better issues of *AP* will be much appreciated and will be tax deductible.

In volume 18 (2) of *AP* I reviewed *Modern Quaternary Research in Southeast Asia*, edited by Gert-Jan Bartstra and Willem Arnold Casparie (pp. 183-184). While it was not planned that way, it has turned out that this was the first issue of a new annual publication with the same editors. If you wish to subscribe the cost is U.S. \$8.50 per volume and the publisher is A. A. Balkema, Box 1675, Rotterdam, Netherlands. I am very happy to welcome a new archaeological journal to our area and wish it and its editors a long and successful production.

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